

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22045

In July of 2012, a new set of regulations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services went into effect as part of an initiative to make the regulations more streamlined, effective, and efficient. The new rules have created a slight inconsistency with existing Idaho Statute, causing some confusion among practitioners. This bill makes minor changes to Idaho Code to create consistency between State and Federal regulation. Idaho 39-1394 states that orders for the care and treatment of a patient must be authenticated by the author of the order. This bill would include another practitioner who is responsible for the care of the patient and who is authorized to write orders by hospital policy in accordance with State law to authenticate the order.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.

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